Categorisation of Medicines

2551. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in a recent judgement made it mandatory for the pharmaceutical companies to categorise the medicines as vegetarian and non-vegetarian;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary directives have been issued for compliance of the judgements of the Hon'ble High Court; and

(d) if so, whether the pharmaceutical companies have started adhering to the directives?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in their order dated 13.11.2002, in the matter of Ozair Hussain *V/s.* Union of India directed that Cosmetics and Drugs other than life saving should bear a symbol indicating whether they contain ingredients of animal origin or non-animal origin.

In view of the fact that it would not be feasible to classify drugs as life saving and non-life saving and leaving the administration of the drug to the choice of the patient may adversely affect the health care system, an SLP has been filed in the Supreme Court of India against the order of the High Court of Delhi.

CT Scan machine for Medical College and Hospital in Chandigarh

†2552. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have written many a time to Medical College and Hospital situated in Union Territory of Chandigarh to install a CT Scan machine for which funds have been allocated thrice but the College and the Hospital Administration failed to do so;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.